

pair, extend, enlarge or improve a system of water works or a water works for the purpose of supplying to the inhabitants of the town of Hancock and corporations, firms and establishments doing business therein, a suitable and adequate supply of water for manufacturing, industrial and domestic purposes, and protection to property from fire, and for other purposes usually subserved by a water works or water works system, and to this end said Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock are authorized and empowered to adopt a system or plan for a water works, or system of water works; to contract for, and purchase in fee simple or lease for a term of any number of years, exceeding the period of fifteen years if deemed desirable, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water or water-course; to dig, bore and sink wells; to erect and maintain a reservoir or reservoirs, a storage dam or storage dams, and a standpipe, or standpipes; to lay and maintain pipes and conduits; to erect and maintain fire-plugs; to purchase all proper machinery, appliances, supplies and material to be used in building, constructing, operating or maintaining said water works or system of water works, or repairing the same, or extending and enlarging or improving the same; to employ all necessary labor; to engage the services of engineers, superintendents, or foremen, or other persons of skill or special knowledge in the designing, construction, repair, extension, enlargement, improvement, or operation of said water works or system of water works; to connect any and all springs, brooks, waters, or water-courses, wells, reservoirs, storage dams, standpipes, pipes, conduits, fire-plugs and machinery or appliances, acquired, dug, constructed, laid or placed by said Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock into a water works or system of water works for the purposes above set forth, to do and perform all things necessary and proper to carry out the foregoing powers and others incident thereto so that said powers may be adequately and amply executed. The said Burgess and Commissioners are authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to let out the whole or any part of the work involved in the construction of said water works, or system of water works, as said Burgess and Commissioners may deem the best interest of the town of Hancock.

In exercising the foregoing powers in the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, extension, enlargement and improvement of said water works or system of water works, the Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock may exercise said powers and any other powers conferred by this Act on, upon, or over lands beyond the corporate limits of the town of Hancock, and said Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock may also in addition, supply water to persons, corporations, firms or establishments for manufacturing, industrial and domestic purposes in the vicinity of Hancock and not within the corporate limits thereof, provided that the water so supplied to such persons, corporations, firms or establishments beyond said corporate limits shall not be detrimental to a suitable and adequate supply of water to the inhabitants of the Town of Hancock and corporations, firms and establishments doing business therein or for protection of property in said town from fire, and provided further that the terms upon which